

Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

July 24, 2022 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Gymnopédie #2" Satie
John DiPinto, piano

Our Approach to God

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM "Lord of Hosts" Psalm 46
Nate Giordano, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 138

Leader: Thank you! Everything in me says, "Thank You!"

People: I kneel in worship facing Your holy temple and say it again: "Thank You! Thank You for Your love, thank You for Your faithfulness; most holy is Your name, most holy is Your Word."

Leader: The moment I called out, You stepped in; You made my life large with strength.

People: Finish what You started in me, God. Your love is eternal—don't quit on me now.

*HYMN "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we ponder and ponder. We wonder and wonder. You guide us and give us direction. We think about it. We reflect on it. How do we do it? Should we do it? And we allow our reflection to become deflection. We think so long that Your guidance gradually fades into the background. And we can move on to merely pondering and wondering about the next thing You want us to do. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS from Psalm 138

Leader: Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to my cries for mercy.

People: If You, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is Your habit, and that's why you're worshipped.

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE from 1 John 1

Leader: Don't go along with evil. Model the good.

People: The person who does good does God's work.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman
Nate Giordano, guitar

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" #638

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-14, 16-31, 40-42 p. 34 (NT)

SERMON "Immediately" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "He Leadeth Me" #690

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come Sunday" Ellington
John DiPinto, piano

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12 noon – Discipleship Campaign Design Meeting in Founders' Hall

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WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS ON AN ONGOING BASIS for the Norwood Food Pantry, which operates out of the Church of the Holy Communion on Summit Street in Norwood. Items needed are coffee, oil, mayonnaise, cookies, sugar, ketchup, spam, cereal, juice, and monetary donations. Gift cards to grocery stores are also welcome.

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We hope to fund and pack 1,000 meals, as we have done in prior years.

Will you consider giving a gift that will fund a number of meals? **Each Snack Pack costs us \$6.**

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We would like to encourage you to be there on that day to participate with our community in this important ministry.

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